FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Mark Easterbrook

Summer is winding down. I hope you all had a busy summer. I know I did. My work in the Gulf coast for the oil spill response finished up back in late July. But, I was told that I am still on a standby list. I’m not holding my breath, however. So, these last few weeks I have been home here in Charleston, South Carolina and I’ve been thinking about what it takes to really make this Federation work for its members. It takes a lot of dedicated people who work very hard to get the important programs and information of the SFMS communicated to the vast membership. Without them we would not have the Lodestar, the Workshop Programs, the Field Trip Program, the Mayo Foundation, an updated Federation directory, the Insurance Program, and other programs. The hard work that gets done also goes for all of the various committee members that work behind the scenes. The immediate committee needs at this time include the Stamp Program Chair and Ways and Means Chair. Regarding the Stamp Committee Chair, I’ve been looking for months without success to fill the rather large shoes of our current chair, Jim Robinson. I can’t thank Jim Robinson enough for the 10 years he has given to this vital scholarship program. We need someone who knows stamps, how to sell on EBay, and is willing to work weekly on it (go to the following link on the SFMS website: www.amfed.org/sfms/stamp-program.html). Jim Robinson is more than willing to help transition the position over to someone who wants to help in this important role. If that is you, please call me. The other immediate need is for Ways and Means Chair. Ken Anderson had to step down from the position at the end of July due to health reasons. I thank Ken for willing to step up and take on this position this year. As of this writing I have not heard back from one or two members who have been identified as candidates for the position. I want to close this loop on both chair positions quickly. We need to get a budget drawn up to present to the Executive Board by October in Knoxville for the Annual Meeting. If you are experienced with budgeting and basic accounting procedures please let me know (if you have a debit you must have a credit to balance it out). I know Ed Harris, SFMS Treasurer, is taking a stab at the budget to get the process going. Thank you, Ed.

Remember, this is the year for the review of our Constitution and By-Laws. So, look for the proposed changes in the Lodestar. We need to discuss these changes at the upcoming Annual Meeting in October in Knoxville, Tennessee. Without discussion of these changes and input from you there is no opportunity for improvement.

CARL’S EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

Each year, SFMS offers several junior rockhound scholarships to William Holland workshops. We have two short articles from this year’s recipients. Details on the 2010 Annual SFMS Meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee (Oct 15-17) at page 5 include an application form for the annual banquet and a slate of office candidates standing for election on page 4.

Applications and criteria for Junior Rockhound of the Year (JOY) Award begin on page 6. Clubs/Societies with junior members might consider applying for this award as a means of recognizing youth that some day may become their active adult members.

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A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and Regional Federation of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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To bring about a closer association of Clubs and Societies devoted to the study of Earth Sciences and the practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts in the Southeast part of the United States.

OBJECTIVE:
To cooperate with similar Federations to promote public interest in the Earth Sciences and the conservation of natural resources.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

September 10-12, 2010: Winston-Salem, NC - Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club. 39th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, Educational Bldg, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds (free parking through Gate #9 from 27th St only). Hours: Fri & Sat 10-7, Sun 12-5. Contact W.A. Marion at mariona1@yadtel.net

September 23-26, 2010: Jacksonville, FL - Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society. 22nd Annual Show, Morocco Temple, 3800 St Johns Bluff Rd. Hours: Fri 1-6, Sat 10-6, & Sun 10-5. Adults $3/day or $5/weekend


October 2-3, 2010: Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 20th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show and Sale, Kentucky National Guard Armory, 4301 Airport Road Hours: Sat. 10 to 6 and Sun. 12 to 5. Mineral, jewelry, and equipment dealers; club sales and exhibits; hourly door prizes for adults and children; blacklight display; kids quarry; and silent auctions. Grand door prize drawing at 5 PM Sunday. Admission Adults $1, children 6-12 50 cents, max $3 per family. Scouts in uniform get in free. Contact: Mona Ferrell monaferrell@yahoo.com or Trish Henson birdgal@att.net

October 15-17, 2010: Knoxville, TN - Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society. 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show, Kerbela Temple, Mimosa Ave. Show is $4/per day per adult.

November 6-7, 2010: Melbourne, FL - Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society. Parade of Gems, Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Ave. Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5. Contact Don McLamb 321-723-2592 or fdjmcl@aol.com

Nov 12-14, 2010: Pascagoula, MS - Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society. 20th Annual Magnolia State Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, Civic Center Building, Jackson County Fairgrounds. Hours: 12th & 13th 10-6; 14th 10-5. Free admission. Contact John Wright (228) 875-9192 or osjbw@datasync.com

Nov 20-21, 2010: West Palm Beach, FL. 44th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead, and Fossil Show. Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds, Cody Road and Zeigler Blvd. Hours: Fri 2-7, Sat 9-6, and Sun 10-5. Contact Show Chair Jerry Shirey at (251) 458-2867 or e-mail rockhoundjs@aol.com.

Nov 26-28, 2010: Mobile, AL. Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Show. Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds, Cody Road and Zeigler Blvd. Hours: Fri 2-7, Sat 9-6, and Sun 10-5. Contact Show Chair Jerry Shirey at (251) 458-2867 or e-mail rockhoundjs@aol.com.

Nov 26-28, 2010: Salem, VA - Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society. 31th Annual Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show and Sale, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard. Hours: Fri 2-7, Sat 10-6, and Sun 12-5. Admission $3 (all 3 days), under 16 free. Contact Jeff McFalls at e-mail rocky@rvmgs.com or www.rvmgs.com


Please Note
To ensure your show is listed here, send a written notice to the Lodestar Editor: Carl Talbott, 216 Spring View Drive, Murphy, NC 28906 or e-mail dtalbott@bellsouth.net. SFMS clubs/societies are also encouraged to register their event listings on the SFMS website at: www.amfed.org/sfm.
JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS

Silver I Class at William Holland
Kristen Hinton, Mobile Rock & Gem Society Junior Rockhound

I was so delighted to have been chosen as one of the recipients of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Youth Scholarship. I started looking over the choices for classes just as soon as I received the news. After doing a little research I decided to take Silver I instructed by Mrs. Barbara Fields. I attended Silver I this past June at William Holland Lapidary School.

Before beginning any projects Mrs. Barbara Fields gave adequate attention to the safety precautions needed for silver smithing. Within the first day I was creating a project. I was able to solder together silver. This was personally my favorite part of the class. Soldering is very exciting! It was great fun to use a torch. Working with torches and hot silver requires special attention. Never take your eyes off the torch!

I made a variety of pieces while taking Silver I. The pieces I made were: a silver twist bracelet, an open back pendant, a closed back pendant, a three band bracelet, and two rings. I had the opportunity to incorporate one of my cabochons from my previous year at William Holland into a bracelet. I want to further pursue the skills I need to become more successful at silver smithing.

My experiences at William Holland have been very rewarding! I would like to encourage all Rockhounds both old and young to take advantage of the opportunities offered at William Holland Lapidary School. I know that you would receive as much enjoyment as I have.

William Holland – Silver 1
Amanda Price, Mobile Rock & Gem Society Junior Rockhound

I was very excited to learn I had been awarded the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Workshop Youth Scholarship to attend William Holland this past June. I chose to take Silver 1 taught by Mrs. Barbara Fields. I was given the opportunity to set some of the cabochons that I made the previous year while at William Holland.

I never expected the class to be so exciting. We learned how to solder. We made a variety of pieces including a twisted bracelet, a closed back pendant, an open back pendant, a three-band bracelet, and a ring. I especially enjoyed making the open backed pendant. Therefore, I made another one later in the week.

Working with silver requires a lot of patience and skill. I endured my share of hardships while creating my works of art. Working with the torches and hot metal required undivided concentration.

Silversmithing is a very rewarding hobby and since attending William Holland, I have acquired both a torch and a dremel and plan to continue the craft at home.

I will never forget my experiences at William Holland and I hope that others from my club will attend in upcoming years so that they can get the enjoyment that I did. At William Holland, you can meet new people who share the same interests that you do, you can learn new things, and you can simply have a good time. I hope to attend next year’s workshop. What exciting hobby will I discover next?

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE’S SLATE OF OFFICER CANDATES FOR 2011

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2010 Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting

The 2010 annual SFMS meeting will be in conjunction with the 20th annual Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society Gem Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show. The show is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 15-17 at the Kerbela Temple at 315 Mimosa Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee; 865-579-0988. This is about 10 miles east of the host hotel.

The Federation meetings, Cracker Barrel, Annual Meeting, Annual Banquet, and Newsletter-Website-Articles Awards Breakfast will be held at the host hotel. The host hotel for the meetings and banquets is the Magnuson Star Hotel (formerly Howard Johnson Plaza-Knoxville) at 7621 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919; . KGMS has arranged a meeting rate for SFMS members of $55.95 per night. There is a 17.25% TN Sales and Occupancy Tax. The phone number for the hotel for reservations is 865-693-8111. To obtain the rate the group name is "Gem and Mineral Society". Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

The Annual Banquet will be Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. Julian Gray, Curator at Tellus Science Museum will be the guest speaker talking about Quartz. Pre-registration banquet cost is $21.50 per person; without pre-registration the tickets will be $25.00 per person. Cut off for pre-registration is October 7, 2010.

To pre-register for the banquet please fill out the following form and return with payment by check made out to the Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society or KGMS. Mail to Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society, Attn: Banquet Registration, P.O. Box 51554, Knoxville, TN 37950-1554.

Names for banquet tickets__________________________
# of tickets_________ @ $21.50 each

Mailing address ________________________________City___________________
State_____ Zip Code _________________

Phone number __________________________________
APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2010
Southeast Federation Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

NOTE: All participants receive an award, with special recognitions for the two top honorees.

NAME____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS_______________________________________________________________________________

CITY_________________________________________STATE_________________ZIP_________________

AGE___ PHONE___________________________ EMAIL _______________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN_______________________________________________________________________

I, ______________________________, certify that I am a junior* rockhound member in good standing of the ___________________________

____________(Gem and Mineral Club/Society), which is a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS). I am a paid member throughout the calendar year 2010. All of the points on this application are for activities between November 1, 2009 and October 31, 2010. All entries are true and correct.

* Each club may set its own age limits, but for SFMS purposes, a junior is defined as a member under 18 years old.

PRESIDENT OF THE SPONSORING CLUB

I_____________________________, as President of the sponsoring Club believe that all the points recorded in this application are true and correct.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE_________________________________________________________

ALL MATERIAL MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 31, 2010
ALL MATERIAL MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 7, 2010

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:
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THE JUNIOR OF THE YEAR (JOY) WINNER AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE DECEMBER 2010 LODESTAR
**SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2010 ACTIVITY CRITERIA**

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<td>Rock, gem, fossil or earth museum, national park, or other lapidary-related exhibit</td>
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<td>10 Sponsored a new junior or adult member (5 points per person)</td>
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### SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2010 ACTIVITY CRITERIA (con’t)

#### PUBLICATIONS

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| 16  | Published in member’s club bulletin: a report on junior club meeting, workshop, or field trip  
(10 points per article) | 10 x   |
| 17  | Published in member’s club bulletin: well-researched educational article on some phase of our hobby or the earth sciences.  
(25 points per article) **Accurate information, references required** | 25 x   |
| 18  | Won regional or national award for articles published in a club bulletin  
(25 points for each such recognition)  
**Note: You may receive points for publication of an article one year and receive points for the same article for recognition the next year** | 25 x   |

#### TOTAL POINTS

**TIE BREAKER**

Describe any other hobby-related information regarding publications, activities, or recognitions achieved this past year that might help us evaluate your enthusiasm for winning this JOY award.

*Use additional sheet of paper, if necessary.*
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Whether you do Lapidary Work or purchase items produced by lapidarists, you will often see jewelry that is not well done. This jewelry frequently suffers from a lack of attention and has obviously not received care when being fabricated because the craftsperson was in a hurry and did not concentrate on his task.

A careful evaluation of a piece of jewelry may show soldered joints that do not fit closely together or demonstrate poor soldering technique. Sometimes the piece may show that it has been overheated or too much solder or the wrong solder has been used. At times we may see an item of jewelry that shows that too little solder may have been used but this is not often the case.

Why do crafts persons not do their very best all of the time? I really do not know the answer to this question but will offer the following suggestions. Some people have not received the proper training. They often think that making jewelry is really not complicated and they have not asked for help or do not know where to go to get training.

This is a sad situation because I believe that in every state in this great nation there is one or more Gem and Mineral Clubs or Lapidary Schools. These clubs and schools have knowledgeable members who can advise where to find instruction or, in many cases, can even provide instruction themselves. Most of us involved in the hobby of lapidary truly want to see our hobby grow and prosper and will go out of our way to help beginners.

In addition to the quality and appearance factors, getting in too big a hurry has a lot of safety ramifications. Just a casual visit to a lapidary class will often show just how careless some people can be. We have seen students and teachers set their work bench on fire. We have seen personnel lose control of their work piece while buffing or polishing which can definitely cause injury to the piece or the operator. There is the potential for cuts, bruises and eye injuries and infrequently a broken finger.

We all need to slow down, concentrate on our work and be safe.

SFMS WORKSHOPS UPDATE

Danny Griffin, Education Committee Chair

As I write this message I’m sitting in the lobby at Wildacres Retreat getting ready for my first day of workshop class. The attendance at this workshop is good and it appears that attendance for the September session is climbing. The student and instructors are excited to get started.

However, the attendance for the October Workshop at William Holland is down. Why is this? I have looked over the schedule and it’s evident that there are many exciting classes to choose from, so that can’t be it. I’ve looked at the instructor list and all are first class teachers, so that can’t be it. So, maybe it’s because folks are too busy to look over the schedule.

I know in this day in time a lot of people are just too busy to get the necessary things done, much less try to work in something fun. If you haven’t had time to look over the schedule, please take a minute and check it out. You might find a class you’d be interested in! The schedule’s posted on the workshop website at www.sfmsworkshops.com. If you don’t have computer access feel free to call any of the workshop directors or registrars for information (contact info is in this issue).

As I write this, none of the William Holland classes are full so the world is your oyster. You can get into any class you’d like! There are also are a few openings left in some of the September Wildacres workshop classes.

Pick a class and signup right away!

Are you planning on attending the October SFMS annual meeting in Knoxville TN? If so, why not get an early start and attend a class at William Holland the week before. You could leave the workshop at the end of the week and be at the meeting location in just a few hours.

Remember, your support of the SFMS Workshops is necessary for the workshops to continue. If you want them to remain available please attend. Support by attendance!
SESSION FOUR - WILLIAM HOLLAND  
SUNDAY, October 10-16, 2010

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This is the third year for the AFMS Web Site Contest. I hope that word about the contest is growing and that we'll have even more entries in the 2011 contest. The primary value of this contest lies in the comments that each judge writes as he or she goes through the Web site looking for the items listed on the Score Sheet. The judges are instructed to identify what the site does well as well as to comment on what can be done better. The goal of the contest is to help the Web sites better serve their clubs.

All the Web Site Contest Committee Members (one for each regional federation) are busy working on their third year of running the Web Site Contest for their regional federation. The Committee Members set the due dates for their contest and receive the entries. They forward the entries to the two judges assigned to that region, they receive from the judges the completed score sheets, and they rank the results and award the first-place plaque and the certificates (places one through ten and honorable mention) at the Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters during their regional federation’s annual show. The first-place entry from each federation is then forwarded to Wes Lingerfelt (the AFMS-level judge). Currently the Committee Members are notifying webmasters, editors, and club presidents in their region and their regional newsletter editor about the details of the contest, the due date for entries, and the rest of the schedule for their regional contest.

Webmasters wishing to enter their Web sites into the contest should download the 2011 AFMS Web Site Contest Entry Form, the 2011 AFMS Web Site Contest Score Sheet, and the 2011 AFMS Web Site Contest Score Sheet Guidelines from the AFMS Web site (or from their regional federation’s Web site). (The 2011 versions of these forms MUST be used—NOT the forms from 2009 or 2010.)
The policy of the Southeast Federation of Mineralological Societies, Inc. is that neither the name nor the logo of the Federation may be used for commercial purposes. If any commercial ventures use the name of the Federation, Member Societies and their members are requested to advise Federation Officers.